

19 May 1969

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Spurious Alert**

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25X1 1. This is to inform you of a recent incident involving a spurious alert [ ] which was corrected in time to avoid any undesirable consequences insofar as I know. The action already taken by [ ] is, in my judgment, all that is required under the circumstances.

2. On 10 May, [ ] was preparing some samples of different types of messages to be used in briefing his replacement. One was mistakenly sent to [ ] Washington Headquarters and [ ] also alerted appropriate watch offices by telephone. Some minutes later the mistake was discovered [ ] All recipients were immediately informed by wire and telephone that the message "is completely erroneous and is herewith killed" (TAB B).

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3. On learning of this I took the following action:

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- . Requested [ ] for a report and for steps taken to prevent a recurrence (TAB C).
- . Requested [ ] to "review procedures designed to prevent unintentional alerts" (TAB D).
- . Consulted with Chief, CIA OPSCEN, to assure myself that our action had not in fact caused difficulties.
- . Informed ADDI of incident and of actions taken.

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25X1 . Reviewed the report of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (TAB E), and notified him of my  
satisfaction therewith (TAB F).

[REDACTED]

**Attachments:** a/s

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